January 4th, 2024

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.  As 2024 begins, we are in full swing preparing to make this year’s summer camp an exceptional experience for the thousands of Scouts and leaders who will be joining us at the Ransburg Scout Reservation. For those of you joining us for the first time, we welcome you and look forward to meeting you.

Thank you to all units who have already confirmed participant numbers and taken their reservation out of estimated phase.  If you have not done this yet, please try to get it done soon.  (See instructions below) Your attendee numbers should reflect the Scouts who have confirmed already.  It is much easier to add Scouts later to your reservation, then to delete them.  Keep in mind, though, that altering your numbers may adjust your campsites (if you have more than one.)

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

Date                                        Action
February 15                             Deadline: $50 Scout Deposit (for youth male and female
                                                         participants only; does not apply to crossover Scouts)
March 1                                   Review of Camperships Begin (for in council Scouts)
April 13                                    Deadline: for Scout Early Payment
May 15                                    Deadline: for Scout Regular Payment

Notice, all registration fees are due two weeks prior to your week at camp.

[**CONFIRM PARTICIPANTS**](https://scoutingevent.com/160-2024Ransburg)
To access the troop’s camp registration page, start by going to the council’s [event page](https://scoutingevent.com/160-2024Ransburg).  From here, click on the Lookup tab (upper, right corner) and then click Lookup Registration.  You will enter in the registration number and the email of the registration contact (the person who set up the registration initially.)
            - Click on the Green Confirm Participants Tab
            - Under Payment Options, Select Pay $0.00
            - Click the Checkout Tab

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**
The activity schedule will be released in February and merit badge sign-ups will begin in March or April.  Stay tuned for more details about sign-ups.  The $50 deposit per Scout will be required before the Scout can sign up for classes.

**CAMP PROMOTION RESOURCES**

[Scouts BSA Camp Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wwm2o7aV6jc)

[**CAMPERSHIP FORM**](https://247scouting.com/forms/160-Campershipform2024) - Now Live!
Camperships provide supplemental funding for registered, in-council Scouts attending summer camp, whose parents/guardians and unit leader certify is unable to pay the total cost.  Funding will be considered up to 50% of the early bird camp fee.  Early submission is encouraged; we will have the first review period after March 1, and another in April if funding remains.

[**HEALTH FORM**](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/) - We utilize the national Boy Scouts of America Annual Health and Medical Record.  Parts A, B, and C are required for youth and adults alike (regardless of how many nights you stay at camp).  The 2019 version is the most current one available.  Health forms from other organizations will not be accepted.

**ADULT LEADER RATIO**

It is required that every Troop have at least two adult leaders (both of whom must be 21 years of age) in camp at all times. The adult to youth ratio is 1:8, after the two leader requirements.

[**CAMP STAFF**](https://www.jotform.com/form/222904860397059)
We are still looking to fill positions on the Ransburg summer camp staff.  If you know of someone who would be a great fit, please encourage them to apply.

Over the next five months, be on the lookout for emails from me.  I will help keep your unit updated with important information and deadlines.  Please take time this week to verify that the person listed as the registration contact is indeed the correct person to be getting the emails.

Thank you,

Jen Ugen and Eric McFee